

Law Student Opportunities

Criminal Law Division

Appeals, Writs & Trials

San Francisco



The Appeals, Writs, and Trials Section of the Criminal Division of the California Attorney General's Office represents the People of the State of California at the Appellate Court level and also prosecutes cases at the trial level in Superior Court. Law clerks mainly prepare Respondent's Briefs that are filed in the First and Sixth Districts of the California Court of Appeal. Certified law clerks may also have an opportunity to argue cases before the Court of Appeal. Some law clerks may assist with trial preparations. Each law clerk works with an assigned Deputy Attorney General who reviews all briefs, but the law clerk is responsible for his or her own caseload. Appeals generally involve issues of criminal law and procedure as well as constitutional and evidentiary issues. All law clerks will have the opportunity to attend court.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Applicants should have completed law school classes in constitutional law, evidence, criminal law, criminal procedure, civil procedure, and research and writing. Appellate advocacy and trial advocacy may be helpful. Work experience in the field of criminal law is also beneficial.

Law Clerk (Unpaid Clinical or Externship)

Full or Part-Time; Hours Negotiable

Monday - Friday

San Francisco - Civic Center

How to Apply:

Applications for Summer 2009
will be accepted through March 13, 2009,
or until positions are filled.

All interested applicants must submit
a cover letter, writing sample, transcript, and resume to:

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